

## ACHS SUMMARY FORM

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(date entered 5-4-80)

1. Name: Julius Marlow House
2. Planning Area/Site Number: 34/8      3. M-NCPPC Atlas Reference: Map 17  
K-16
4. Address: 2525 Musgrove Road, Silver Spring
5. Classification Summary
- |                    |                          |                           |   |
|--------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|---|
| Category           | <u>building</u>          | Previous Survey Recording | <u>M-NCPPC</u>  |
| Ownership          | <u>private</u>           | Title and Date:           | <u>1976 Inventory of</u>                                  |
| Public Acquisition | <u>N/A</u>               |                           | <u>Historical Sites</u>                                   |
| Status             | <u>occupied</u>          |                           |   |
| Accessible         | <u>no</u>                | Federal                   | <u>State</u> <u>x</u> <u>County</u> <u>x</u> <u>Local</u> |
| Present use        | <u>private residence</u> |                           |   |
6. Date: c. 1800      7. Original Owner: Thomas Edmonston
8. Apparent Condition
- a. good      b. altered      c. original Site
9. Description: This four bay by one bay, two-and-a-half story house faces north. The house has yellow clapboarded exterior walls. The east one bay, two story addition is about fifty years old. The north porch has a gabled roof supported by square wooden posts and enclosed by a balustraded railing on the east and west sides. There are two shed roofed additions on south elevation. There are six-over-six double-hung windows. The gable roofs have grey asbestos shingles.
10. Significance: This handsome farmhouse is associated with three prosperous and influential families of the 19th century. Part of tracts first owned by Archibald Edmonston in the early 1700's, the house was probably built by Thomas Edmonston c. 1800. The house was sold out of the Edmonston family in 1850, and Dr. Washington Duvall bought the farm. Duvall was active in county politics, and for a short time a director of the C&O Canal. In 1858 he was elected to the House of Delegates and was State Senator from 1860-1865. Julius Marlow, a prosperous farmer, bought the farm in 1865. He donated a small lot in nearby Four Corners for the construction of an Episcopal Church, and later gave a small piece of another property near Fairland for the St. Mark's Episcopal Church. In 1925 Marlow's heirs sold the land for subdivision. In subsequent sales the house lot grew steadily smaller; the land is no longer farmed and today corporate headquarters stand nearby.
11. Researcher and date researched: Donald M Leavitt-7/79      Candy Reed  
Arch. Description
12. Compiler: Gail Rothrock      13. Date Compiled: 10/79      14. Designation  
Approval
15. Acreage: .83 acre

## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Julius Marlow House

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

2525 Musgrove Road

CITY, TOWN

Silver Spring

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

8

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Montgomery**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

## ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☒ NO

## PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☐ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ EDUCATIONAL☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ RELIGIOUS☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY☐ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

John and Betty BushnellTelephone #: unlisted

STREET &amp; NUMBER

2525 Musgrove Road

CITY, TOWN

Silver Spring

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 20907**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Montgomery County CourthouseLiber #: 3178Folio #: 256

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

MNCPPC Inventory of Historical Sites

DATE

1976☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☒ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDSPark Historian's Office

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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**CONDITION**☐ EXCELLENT☒ GOOD☐ FAIR☐ DETERIORATED☐ RUINS☐ UNEXPOSED**CHECK ONE**☐ UNALTERED☒ ALTERED**CHECK ONE**☒ ORIGINAL SITE☐ MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

This four bay by one bay, two and a half story house faces north.

Built on fieldstone foundations, the house has yellow clapboarded exterior walls. The east one bay, two story addition is about fifty years old. The north porch has a gabled roof supported by two square wooden corner posts and is enclosed on the east and west sides by a balustraded railing. The north door is wooden paneled and is surmounted by a single light transom. There is a fieldstone wall on the south elevation which leads to the basement. There are two shed roof additions on the south elevation.

There are six over six double hung windows. The gable roofs have grey asbestos shingles and the cornice line is boxed. There is an east gable end exterior chimney.

There are no side porches. The house is located on a lot of 1.5 acres. The house is in good condition.

1.5 acres of land

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		Local History

SPECIFIC DATES

c. 1800

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This substantial farmhouse is associated with three prosperous and influential families of the 19th century.

In the early 1700s two large tracts of land near the Patuxent River were granted to Archibald Emondston. These tracts, called "Deer Park" and "Bear Garden" stayed in the Edmonston family for many generations. Samuel Edmonston left this land, described as "sapling land and middling soil" in the tax assessments of 1783, to his children.<sup>1</sup> In 1805 Samuel's son Thomas left his son Robert part of Deer Park and Bear Garden, land described as "whereon I now dwell".<sup>2</sup> This is the first account of a house on the property. Major Robert Edmonston and his wife died suddenly in 1818 and the estate was passed on to the seven children. The house and lands were rented out and each child went his separate way. Son Richard died in the 1840s, deeply in debt. In the course of a lengthy court proceeding it was decided that Richard's share of his father's estate must be sold off to pay the debts. The remaining children elected to auction off the entire estate.

In 1850 signs were posted for the lands, described as lying "at the intersection of the public road from Washington to Ellicott's Mills with the public road from Rockville to Beltsville", and the land was auctioned off on the courthouse steps in Rockville. Dr. Washington Duvall bought the farm for \$4 an acre.<sup>3</sup>

As Duvall owned many pieces of land throughout the county it is doubtful he lived in this farm house. Duvall was very active in county politics and was a mainstay in the Democratic Party of Montgomery County in the mid 19th century. For a short time he was a director of the C & O Canal and a member of the county school committee. In 1858 he was elected to the House of Delegates, and two years later he became the State Senator of Montgomery County, a position he held throughout the difficult war years of 1860-1865. He represented Montgomery County at the State Constitutional Convention.

Duvall's involvement with the farm ended in 1865 when he sold it to Julius Marlow for almost five times what he paid for it 15 years earlier.<sup>4</sup>

Marlow became a prosperous farmer and a large lender of mortgage money to the community. He was a vestryman in the Episcopal Church and donated a small lot in nearby Four Corners for the construction of a church. A few years later he gave a small piece of his own property adjoining the

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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Attachment Sheet A  
Julius Marlow House

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town of Fairland to be used for St. Marks Episcopal Church.

Julius Marlow passed the farm on to his children, and in 1925 their heirs subdivided the land and sold it off.<sup>5</sup>

In subsequent sales the house lot grew steadily smaller, and the land was no longer farmed. A new highway (Route 29) cut through Marlow's old fields and today corporate headquarters share the area with the old farm house.

FOOTNOTES:

- 1 Wills of Montgomery County, Md. C/113 (6/18/1793).
- 2 Ibid., E/129 (3/8/1805).
- 3 Equity Records of Montgomery County, Md. Case #89-1847.
- 4 Land Records of Montgomery County, Md. EBP 2/9 (2/9/1865).
- 5 Ibid, Plat 4/314 (1925).

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Scharf, Thomas J. History of Western Maryland Vol. 1, Philadelphia:  
Lewis H. Everts, 1882.  
Land, Assessment, Equity and Will Records of Montgomery County, Md.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .83 acre

**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

Located on south side of Musgrove Road, directly east of the  
intersection with Route 29.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Candy Reed - Architectural Description

Donald M. Leavitt

ORGANIZATION

Sugarloaf Regional Trails

DATE

July 1979

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Box 87

TELEPHONE

926-4510

CITY OR TOWN

Dickerson

STATE

Maryland 20753

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created  
by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the  
Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA,  
1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information  
and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringe-  
ment of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

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NOMINATION FORM  
for the  
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

<b>1. NAME</b>					
COMMON: Bushnell House					
AND/OR HISTORIC: Julius Marlow House					
<b>2. LOCATION</b>					
STREET AND NUMBER: 2525 Musgrove Road					
CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring					
STATE Maryland			COUNTY: Montgomery		
<b>3. CLASSIFICATION</b>					
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Bath		Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)					
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment		<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum		<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____ _____
Comments _____ _____ _____					
<b>4. OWNER OF PROPERTY</b>					
OWNER'S NAME: J. H. Bushnell					
STREET AND NUMBER: 2525 Musgrove Road					
CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring			STATE: Maryland		
<b>5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION</b>					
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Montgomery County Courthouse					
STREET AND NUMBER: _____					
CITY OR TOWN: Rockville			STATE Maryland		
Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): _____					
<b>6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS</b>					
TITLE OF SURVEY: None					
DATE OF SURVEY: _____					
<input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local					
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: _____					
STREET AND NUMBER: _____					
CITY OR TOWN: _____			STATE: _____		

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## 7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This is a 2-1/2 story clapboard-sheathed, frame house of three bays with a two story rear wing. On the main (north) facade is a small porch leading to the central doorway with a transom light. Exterior end chimneys have been stuccoed. The returned boxed cornice gives the house a slightly classical appearance. On the west end, two small window flank the chimney at the attic level. The foundation is rough stone.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |  |                                       |  |                                       |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century            | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century  | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century |                                       |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |   |                                      |  |  |
|---|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal     | <input type="checkbox"/> Education   | <input type="checkbox"/> Political           | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric    | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic       | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry    | <input type="checkbox"/> Science             | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture    | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention   | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture           | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture   | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape   | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art            | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature  | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater             | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce       | <input type="checkbox"/> Military    | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation      | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music       |  | _____                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation   |                                      |  | _____                                    |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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## 9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

## 10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
NW	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	

## 11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: Christopher Owens, Park Historian	
ORGANIZATION M-NCEPC	DATE 1/11/73
STREET AND NUMBER: 8787 Georgia Avenue	
CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring	STATE Maryland

## 12.

State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature

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NAME M<sup>#</sup> 34-8 JULIUS MARLOW HOUSE

LOCATION 2525 MUSGRAVE RD., FAIRLAND, MD.

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